

BERGEN COUNTY
BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
PARK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018
COMMENCING AT 7:39 P.M.

FREEHOLDERS PRESENT:

THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN

GERMAINE M. ORTIZ, VICE CHAIRWOMAN

MARY J. AMOROSO, CHAIRWOMAN PRO TEMPORE

DAVID L. GANZ

STEVEN A. TANELLI

DR. JOAN M. VOSS

TRACY SILNA ZUR

FREEHOLDERS ABSENT:

NONE

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3 ALSO PRESENT:
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5 LARA RODRIGUEZ
6 CLERK TO THE BOARD

7 LAURIE BIANCHI
8 DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

9 JULIEN X. NEALS, ESQUIRE
10 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

11 EDWARD J. FLORIO, ESQUIRE
12 COUNSEL TO THE BOARD

13 MICHAEL SHEINFELD
14 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & POLICY

15 DIANE GUMBLE
16 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

17 STEPHANIE GALLINA
18 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

19 MAYOR KEITH MISCIAGNA

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATT CAPILLI

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT METZDORF
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1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Good evening,
2 everyone. I'd like to call the meeting to order at
3 7:39 p.m.

4 Before we begin our meeting, I ask
5 everyone please take a moment to silence their
6 cellphones.

7 Thank you.

8 Will the Clerk please read the
9 compliance with the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public
10 Meetings Act.

11 MS. RODRIGUEZ: In accordance with
12 Section 5 of the Sen. Byron Baer Open Public Meetings
13 Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been
14 provided in the Annual Notice Schedule, which
15 contained the time, date, and location of this
16 meeting, copies of which Notices were forwarded to
17 the official County newspapers, to wit: The Herald
18 News and The Record, and a copy of which was posted
19 on the bulletin board in the Bergen County Justice
20 Center and Administration Building, One Bergen County
21 Plaza, Hackensack, New Jersey, and filed with the
22 Office of the Bergen County Clerk.

23 ROLL CALL

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

25 Will the Clerk please call the roll.

1 (At this point in the proceeding roll
2 call is taken with Freeholders Amoroso, Ganz,
3 Tanelli, Voss, Silna Zur, Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz, and
4 Chairman Sullivan present.)

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Evidence of a
6 quorum is present.

7 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will everyone
9 please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

10 I ask Mayor Keith Misciagna to please
11 lead us in the Pledge.

12 (At this point in the proceeding all
13 rise for a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance,
14 led by Mayor Misciagna.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Freeholder Tanelli
16 brought the brains to the operation tonight.

17 That's his grandson. It is a very
18 proud moment. We'll be getting to that in a minute.

19 We do have some presentations, but
20 before we start, I would like to recognize a few
21 people in the room: Mayor Keith Misciagna of Park
22 Ridge. Thank you for having us here this evening.

23 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: Thank you for being
24 here.

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Council President

1 Matt Capilli is here, and Council Member Robert
2 Metzdorf is here.

3 I would ask our mayor if he would like
4 to say a few words before we begin. Thank you for
5 letting us use your Council Chambers.

6 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: Can I just yell or we
7 have to get this on the mic? I'm as loud as you,
8 Tom.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Keith, you got me
10 beat. I'm two doors down from you every day. You
11 got me beat.

12 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: Well, I just wanted
13 to say on behalf of the roughly 9,000 residents of
14 Park Ridge, thank you for coming here and welcome to
15 Park Ridge. We're a unique community inasmuch as we
16 have our own electric and water utility, so you're
17 welcome to drink as much water as you want tonight,
18 it's all on us, no charge.

19 I specifically want to thank Chairman
20 Sullivan and the rest of the Freeholders for working
21 so well with us over the last year and particularly
22 on this ordinance that you'll be presenting today,
23 Ordinance 18-28, which will lower the speed limit on
24 this corridor and along Park Avenue. I can tell you,
25 by doing that, you're saving lives. We've had some

1 fatalities here of pedestrians. We have nine
2 crosswalks in a quarter mile stretch, where there's a
3 temple, a high school, ball fields, tennis courts.
4 It needs to be lowered in order for people to walk,
5 and it's a very narrow road. So on behalf of those
6 lives that you're saving, I thank you. It might be
7 mine, because I'm here quite a bit. I thank you very
8 much. And, more importantly, I thank you for being
9 there when I call. It's something that's very
10 important to our little communities up here. When we
11 go to the big county leaders, you're always there for
12 us, and we appreciate that very much.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

14 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: I also want to
15 mention the young Freeholder over there, my seat
16 might be leveled enough for him to sit properly.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: So thank you very
19 much, and I'll be here if you need me for anything,
20 water or anything like that.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, mayor.

22 Again, before we do our presentations,
23 this meeting on-the-road is our third out of four
24 this year. One was canceled due to weather. And
25 it's just follow through on a campaign promise made

1 by Freeholders Zur and Tanelli bringing the meeting
2 to other areas of the county so you can see what we
3 do and they how we it. So thank you to Freeholder
4 Tanelli and Freeholder Zur.

5 As the Chairman, you have a little bit
6 of leeway as to where you have the meetings, it gets
7 approved by the Board. And being a resident of
8 Montvale, we decided to be here in Park Ridge.

9 Last year, Freeholder Zur, growing up
10 in Woodcliff Lake, had the meeting at Pascack Hills,
11 so we wanted to make sure the Pascack Valley is
12 represented. I'm glad to be part of the Pascack
13 Valley, and I'm glad to represent everybody in this
14 room.

15 PRESENTATION IN RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER 2018 AS
16 HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: And that being
18 said, we'll get to our presentations. The star of
19 the show is getting a little antsy, so let's get to
20 it.

21 Okay. Our first presentation is in
22 recognition of September 2018 as Hydrocephalus
23 Awareness Month. We are honored to have some special
24 guests with us tonight. First, we have the president
25 and founding member of the Pediatric Hydrocephalus

1 Foundation, Kim Illions, and her son, Cole.

2 We also have Dan and Stephanie Tanelli
3 and their son, that's Landon, who just celebrated his
4 second birthday this past weekend.

5 All of you will receive a Bergen County
6 Freeholder pin, along with a copy of Resolution
7 #879-18 that we will be passing tonight.

8 So, if my Freeholder colleagues would
9 like to join me down here, we'll make a presentation.

10 I think this is pretty important, so
11 that we're going to read the whole resolution. I
12 usually just skip to the end, but I think this is
13 pretty important, so we'll read the whole thing.

14 Whereas, hydrocephalus is an excessive
15 accumulation of fluid in the brain that occurs when
16 proper fluid drainage is obstructed; and

17 Whereas, hydrocephalus may be present
18 at birth or may develop at any stage later in life;
19 and

20 Whereas, an average of 200,000 cases of
21 hydrocephalus are reported a year, impacting an
22 estimated one million Americans nationwide; and

23 Whereas, the medical community reports
24 about one in every 500 children is born with this
25 incurable condition that may result in varying

1 degrees of disability; and

2 Whereas, the United States Congress
3 passed a resolution in 2009 designating the month of
4 September as "National Hydrocephalus Awareness
5 Month."

6 Steve, why don't you finish it.

7 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Sure.

8 Whereas, hydrocephalus research funding
9 is far behind other conditions with similar
10 prevailing numbers; and

11 Whereas, in an effort to increase
12 public awareness, research funding and information
13 regarding hydrocephalus; and

14 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
15 Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby
16 recognizes September 2018 as "Hydrocephalus Awareness
17 Month" in Bergen County, State of New Jersey.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

19 (Whereupon presentation is made.)

20 (Applause.)

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: It's Landon's
22 birthday. He is three-years-old. So if you want to
23 eat this now, you ask mommy.

24 Happy Birthday.

25 Can we sing Happy Birthday.

1 (Whereupon, Happy Birthday is sung.)

2 MS. ILLIONS: Well, thank you. This is
3 very nice.

4 Cole, do you want to come by mommy?
5 Come by mommy.

6 As the Freeholder said, this is
7 National Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.

8 Prior to 2009, there was no awareness
9 month for hydrocephalus, although one million
10 Americans are infected by it.

11 In January 2009, my husband and I,
12 along with three other families in New Jersey,
13 founded the Pediatric Hydrocephalus Foundation. We
14 are the largest organization dedicated solely to
15 pediatric hydrocephalus. We are an all-volunteer
16 organization, including myself. We do not take any
17 salaries. We don't pay office rent. We have our
18 offices donated to us. We have very low overhead.
19 100 percent of all the money we make goes directly to
20 funding our mission, which is education, support, and
21 funding research.

22 To date, we've given about half a
23 million dollars to research in the last ten years.
24 We try to find projects that are going to give better
25 quality of life to our kids.

1 What you see in Landon is not typical.
2 He's beautiful and running and looks healthy. And if
3 you didn't know, you'd say he's a beautiful, perfect
4 two-year-old.

5 That's not typical.

6 My son is pretty average. He's had 13
7 brain surgeries, all before he was four-years-old.

8 Children have an average of anywhere
9 between 10 and 100 brain surgeries by the time they
10 reach adulthood.

11 That's not a way to live.

12 We donate all our money to research,
13 and we're trying to find better treatments, and some
14 day, hopefully, a cure.

15 We thank you for this. This is great
16 to have recognition like this. We appreciate it.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. ILLIONS: Saturday is our
19 New Jersey walk in Edison, New Jersey, Saturday, the
20 29th, Edison, New Jersey. We have face painters,
21 superheroes. We get 400 people every year, and we
22 usually raise about 25 to \$30,000, so if anybody has
23 nothing to do that day, come on down and join us.

24 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you. Thank
2 you so much --

3 MS. ILLIONS: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: -- for that
5 education.

6 RESOLUTION #879-18

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: This resolution on
8 this issue was added to the Nonconsent Agenda in our
9 Work Session. We took it out of order, so we could
10 do it first and be recognized.

11 Can I have a motion to vote on this
12 Nonconsent item?

13 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

14 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Motion by
16 Freeholder Tanelli, second by Freeholder Voss.

17 Before we vote on Resolution #879-18,
18 is there anyone who wishes to speak?

19 I know Steve would like to speak.

20 I would just like to say thank you for
21 your efforts. Thank you for everything you do. We
22 appreciate everything you do.

23 I think Steve should be a last one to
24 speak. Would anyone else wish to speak on this
25 issue?

1 Okay. Freeholder, you're up buddy.

2 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: I'm going to save
3 some for my report as well.

4 You know, 26 months ago I didn't even
5 know what hydrocephalus was. You know, the
6 incredible news of finding that out before the baby's
7 even born of what he's going to be facing. We have
8 been blessed, I guess, because they got it early
9 enough that so far he hasn't shown a lot of signs of
10 having things that are going to impact him as he gets
11 older.

12 But to find out how it affects older
13 people, as we get older in life or blunt trauma to
14 your head, it impacts a lot of people. And to not
15 even know, I'd never even heard of it before the
16 diagnosis. So I'm so happy that you came. I'm so
17 sorry it was such short notice, but once I saw the
18 post that it was this month, we missed it last year,
19 would have been our first year to be able to do it.
20 So to be able to recognize it this month and to
21 start -- you know, my family unfortunately has had MS
22 running through, between my father and my brother,
23 and I was very active, and I'm planning on ramping up
24 the activity for hydrocephalus too, because these
25 poor kids should not have to struggle the way they

1 do.

2 Thank you, again, for coming and see
3 you soon.

4 MS. ILLIONS: Thank you.

5 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Will the
8 Clerk please call the roll.

9 (At this point in the proceeding roll
10 call is taken and Resolution #879-18 is passed by a
11 unanimous vote.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So that motion is
13 approved.

14 PRESENTATION TO MARY DiSPIRITO IN RECOGNITION OF HER
15 100TH BIRTHDAY

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We're going to go
17 back to a couple more presentations.

18 In keeping with the birthday theme, our
19 next presentation tonight is to celebrate the 100th
20 birthday of Park Ridge resident Mary DiSpirito.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Mary is a member of
23 the Golden Age Social Club of Park Ridge and has been
24 a resident of Bergen County for 36 years.

25 We have a proclamation from County

1 Executive James Tedesco, who, unfortunately, could
2 not be here tonight, but he sends his well wishes.

3 We also have Mayor Keith Misciagna here
4 tonight to make a presentation on behalf of the
5 borough, as well as a commendation and special
6 surprise from the Freeholder Board.

7 I'd like to ask Mary to please come
8 forward while we give you the presentation.

9 You guys want to come down.

10 So, we have a proclamation from the
11 County Executive, which I'm going to ask my
12 Freeholder Vice-Chairwoman to please present to you
13 and read that to you, if you don't mind.

14 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Whereas, on
15 September 1st, 1918, Mary Scappaticcio was born in
16 Jersey City, New Jersey; and

17 Whereas, after Mary married Gino
18 DeSpirito in 1942, the couple moved to Hasbrouck
19 Heights, where they would reside for 38 years; and

20 Whereas, in 1988, Mary and Gino moved
21 to Park Ridge to be near their only daughter, Cheryl
22 DeMallie, and her husband, Jonathan; and

23 Whereas, throughout 72 years of
24 marriage -- God bless -- Mary and Gino enjoyed
25 traveling, dancing, bowling, as well as being

1 involved in community organizations; and

2 Whereas, on September 4, 2018, Mary
3 celebrated her 100th birthday with the Golden Age
4 Club of Park Ridge, an organization that she has been
5 actively involved in for the past 30 years; and

6 Whereas, on behalf of the people of
7 Bergen County, I extend our warmest wishes to Mary
8 DiSpirito on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

9 Now, therefore, be it resolved by James
10 J. Tedesco III, Executive of the County of Bergen in
11 the State of New Jersey, do hereby recognize Mary
12 DiSpirito.

13 Congratulations.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: On behalf of the
16 Freeholder Board, this says: To Mary DiSpirito in
17 recognition and celebration of your 100th birthday on
18 September 1st, 2018. On behalf of the nearly one
19 million residents of Bergen County, we extend our
20 best wishes to you on this special day, presented
21 September 5, 2018 by the Bergen County Board of
22 Chosen Freeholders.

23 Thank you very much.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We have a special

1 cake. It says "Happy 100th Birthday, Mary." Just
2 for you.

3 So, we asked Mary what her secret was,
4 and she says she lives a wild life!

5 So why don't we all turn around and
6 take a picture with you. Do you mind?

7 MS. DISPIRITO: Not at all.

8 (Whereupon, the presentation is made.)

9 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: I just want to say,
10 Tom, I know it is your meeting, but we did present
11 Mary with something from the borough and I sang Happy
12 Birthday to her. She said I have a wonderful voice.
13 So if we could do it one more time?

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Certainly.

15 (Whereupon, Happy Birthday is sung.)

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Can we include the
17 mayor and council, would you like to come up for a
18 picture with us.

19 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: That would be great.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

21 PRESENTATION IN RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER 2018 AS DRUG

22 AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY MONTH

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Our final
24 presentation is in recognition of September as Drug
25 and Alcohol Recovery Month.

1 We are pleased to have with us Donna
2 Szot, who is a member of the Park Ridge Board of
3 Health.

4 I'd like to ask Ms. Szot, along with
5 the mayor, to join us and the council to receive a
6 ceremonial copy of Resolution #870-18, in which this
7 Board recognizes September as Drug and Alcohol
8 Recovery Month.

9 There's a lot of whereases here. I'm
10 just going to read the last one. Plus, the print is
11 too small for me.

12 So I'm going to read:

13 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
14 Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Bergen
15 does hereby recognize the month of September 2018 as
16 National Recovery Month in Bergen County; and

17 Be it further resolved that the Board
18 of Chosen Freeholders hereby commends the Bergen
19 County Department of Health, Office and Alcohol and
20 Drug Dependency Municipal Alliance, along with other
21 programs and staff members of Spring House; Halfway
22 House for Women; the Addiction Recovery Program; and
23 the Intoxicated Driver Resource Center for their
24 dedication to the prevention, treatment, and recovery
25 from the disease of addiction; and

1 Be it further resolved that a copy of
2 this resolution be sent to the office of the Bergen
3 County Executive, James J. Tedesco III, Bergen County
4 Department of Health Services, and the governing
5 bodies of all municipalities in the County of Bergen,
6 presented by the Bergen County Board of Chosen
7 Freeholders.

8 Thank you very much.

9 (Applause.)

10 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: Thank you, Tom.

11 MS. SZOT: My name is Donna Szot. I
12 proudly reside at 38 South Fifth Street in
13 Park Ridge, New Jersey.

14 Good evening and thank you all for
15 coming.

16 I was an administrator and a manager
17 with the county for 35 years, and worked with some of
18 you or your predecessors. Ms. Voss I know well, and
19 Mr. Ganz I know well.

20 As Chief Executive Officer for the
21 Health Department, I had the opportunity to work with
22 knowledgeable professionals in the substance abuse,
23 health education, some of the programs that you
24 mentioned, and health consultation programs.

25 In addition, I have served, thanks to

1 Mayor Misciagna, on the Park Ridge Board of Health
2 since my retirement from the county and fervently
3 support the efforts of the county to intervene with
4 high risk populations, such as the IDRC Program, the
5 Addiction Recovery Program, through health education
6 and specific intervention modalities.

7 Your proposed resolution recognizes the
8 severe problems of addiction in this county as well
9 as the country.

10 Secondary prevention programs provided
11 by the county have had a proven impact on our already
12 identified populations, based on indicators measured
13 on program completion and the rate of recidivism. We
14 can measure them and we know, as you said, IDRC and
15 ARP, our successes.

16 However, I feel that population-based
17 health education programs could be more encompassing
18 of new methodologies of prevention, containing more
19 inclusive community involvement.

20 It is my fervent hope that current
21 national research in social learning theory be
22 evaluated and employed so that Bergen County and its
23 contracting communities have the tools to deal with
24 this overwhelming problem. The goal being the
25 development of strategies based on theories and

1 psychosocial models of prevention that can deter
2 alcohol and drug use. Models for intervention should
3 include an integrated approach among individuals,
4 families, institutions, and the community-at-large,
5 not just a health education group for a singular
6 number of people.

7 As cited in BRFUSS, which is an annual
8 report put out by the CDC, between 2014 to 2017,
9 self-reported alcohol and drug usage in New Jersey
10 went from 4 percent to 8 percent. And that's
11 significant, given our population. And that's
12 self-reported, so it's bigger than that.

13 Any approach to primary prevention
14 programs must have a goal of emotional stability and
15 a meaningful sense of self. Public health research
16 has shown that individuals make decisions to engage
17 in specific behaviors by evaluating the information
18 or education that we give them and processing it
19 through their developmental and biological systems.

20 We need a program that addresses those
21 things at the primary level, primary being before
22 there's an issue, at the educational level.

23 In addition to the traditional health
24 information, prevention programs are incomplete
25 without addressing the individual's psychological,

1 biological, and developmental maturity.

2 Holistic programs enable individuals to
3 make reasoned decisions to avoid alcohol and drugs.

4 According to the National Institutes of
5 Health, and I believe you have another resolution for
6 tonight, successful avoidance or risk aversion
7 behavior correlates with a reduction in suicides.
8 And for women, I thought this number was staggering,
9 the impact is 6.5 to 9 percent greater. I mean, a
10 reduction in suicides, when they've been gone through
11 a program, and 2 to 3 percent for men, if they go
12 through a drug and alcohol rehab program.

13 As the leadership for the county, I
14 would ask you to seek innovative and comprehensive
15 approaches that rely on the integration of various
16 efforts in the community, such as: In the education
17 system, the recreational system, public safety, etc.
18 Bring it all together.

19 You are the leadership for that. The
20 town founders, they need your leadership.

21 And employ creative, analytically
22 supported interventions, such as: Cognitive
23 dissidence or behavioral theory -- there's a whole
24 bunch out there that need to be looked at --
25 developmental role clarification, things like that.

1 For maximum effectiveness, a primary
2 prevention strategy needs to address the individual's
3 social network and the marketing and availability of
4 alcoholic beverages and illicit drugs. As county
5 leaders, you have the opportunity and access to
6 advocate at the state level -- I'm looking right at
7 you, Freeholder Voss.

8 FREEHOLDER VOSS: I have.

9 MS. SZOT: I'm sure you have. I know
10 this is your area, health and humans.

11 According to public health reports, no
12 single approach has been identified as effective for
13 preventing the use of drugs and alcohol, especially
14 by youth. A multifaceted approach to primary
15 prevention is, therefore, necessary.

16 I thank you for your attention and
17 giving me this platform to speak. We have enjoyed
18 the programs from the county. I think the
19 educational programs, I've said enough about.

20 As a Board of Health member, I look
21 forward to our continued effective working
22 relationship with the county.

23 Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We have drug court

1 in Bergen County, that not many other counties do.
2 We have supported mental health issues. We've added
3 money to the budget every single year. We constantly
4 go after addiction.

5 The Prosecutor's Office also has worked
6 together with Family Services to have life and death
7 coaches for people that are addicted to heroin or
8 whatever they are addicted to.

9 I appreciate your words tonight, but I
10 do want the people of Bergen County to know that we
11 are doing everything we possibly can. We will listen
12 to some of your suggestions, but I think it's
13 important that the people of Bergen County know that
14 this Board has been proactive in this, in any kind of
15 addiction, not just heroin, alcohol and everything
16 else, and we will continue to be proactive. Even
17 when the state has cut aid, this Board here did not.
18 Not only did we not cut aid, we increased it every
19 year when it was cut. We increased it by 12 percent
20 to make up for the cut.

21 So, Bergen County is a county that
22 takes it seriously. We are out there doing
23 everything possible. Like I said, we work with the
24 Prosecutor's Office, with the drug court, we have the
25 coaching, and we're going to continue to do it,

1 because, as a person that knows addiction, I've lost
2 my best friend, my brother, to all kinds of
3 addictions, and I'm not the only one.

4 A lot of times you get involved because
5 it hits home, similar to Steve this evening, what
6 he's now involved with. I think everybody is touched
7 by addiction in some way, shape or form.

8 And on behalf of the county, I tell you
9 that we are working hard. We have taken some of the
10 things that you said, you recommended, they're
11 already in place. So Bergen County is light years
12 above other counties, and we will continue to do it.
13 So thank you for your time.

14 (Applause.)

15 HEARING OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
17 to open the meeting to the public?

18 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

19 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

21 (All present Freeholders respond in the
22 affirmative.)

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The motion carried.

1 We will now have a Hearing of the General Public,
2 with a three-minute time limit in effect, in
3 accordance with the Bergen County Freeholder bylaws.

4 The Board Attorney will keep the time.
5 When the time of the speaker expires, the Board
6 Attorney will announce that the time has expired.

7 Please fill out a slip of paper with
8 your name, address, and general topic of which you
9 would like to speak.

10 So, if anyone hasn't filled one out and
11 they would like to, you can go over here and fill out
12 a piece of paper with your name and submit it to
13 Mike.

14 Lou Vellucci from Mahwah.

15 MR. VELLUCCI: It's good to see you
16 all. You all are good people.

17 I've been busy working, so I haven't
18 been involved for a few years, but I'm here just to
19 publicly state kind of a ethical and political
20 conundrum going on right now. I don't know how many
21 of you are Democrats or Republicans, I don't have a
22 clue, it seems the Governor wants to do some things
23 to protect the environment. He's being held up by
24 the New Jersey Senate, specifically the Senate
25 President. If any of you know him, maybe you can

1 send the word. No, this is serious stuff. Because
2 I'm a veteran, I'm going to quote some veterans here.
3 And what do we have?

4 We elected a Governor. Why will they
5 not bring a bill to the floor?

6 Now, if it's voted down, it's voted
7 down. That's democracy for you, right? I have
8 nothing against state Sen. Sweeney, I like a lot of
9 his policies. I'm pro labor. But the point is,
10 they're not bringing this bill and they're going to
11 start killing the bears again in October. And it
12 seems like, again, it's like representative
13 government -- I'm not a lawyer -- it doesn't seem to
14 be working here.

15 And I know I'm going to go over three
16 minutes, so I'm going to cut it off short.

17 Again, I'm honored, I'm an ex-military
18 guy, and I just found out that Jim Channon passed
19 away less than a year ago, and I want you to check
20 out Wikipedia, the First Earth Battalion. One of
21 their principles was to first seek nondestructive
22 methods. This is from a Special Forces decorated
23 Vietnam soldier. So that's what we should be doing
24 here. We should be looking out for our planet.

25 Another general, Gen. Schwarzkopf, he

1 also fought for the grizzly bears -- you can Google
2 it -- in Yellowstone a few years back. And we have
3 right here in New Jersey, Ulysses S. Grant V -- did
4 you know that -- yeah, and he's the curator of the
5 New York museum.

6 Now, Ulysses S. Grant, I've read about
7 three of his biographies, he was a big animal lover,
8 a horse whisperer.

9 So, you got all these people saying how
10 this is the right thing.

11 The point is, let's just have what the
12 people want. If you want statistics, 1/10th of one
13 percent of the people participate in it. 94 percent
14 of the people during the comment period said they
15 don't want to do the hunt, 80 percent said don't use
16 bows, and the last administration did anyway. So
17 they're playing games with the Fish and Wildlife
18 Council.

19 You're powerful people, I'm not. I
20 just wanted to make you aware of it. If you're
21 Democrats, maybe you could put it to a vote.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, and
23 thank you for your service.

24 MR. VELLUCCI: I didn't really do much,
25 but the point is, these guys did.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You did more than
2 me.

3 Paul Latsounas, Oradell.

4 MR. LATSOUNAS: Hi. I'm Paul
5 Latsounas, from the great town, the great family
6 downtown of Oradell.

7 I came here, because we're a little
8 distraught at what happened. Bergen County just
9 created, is creating or I don't know if they finished
10 yet, a golf club. It was part of the Emerson Gold
11 Club, and you bought it. And when you bought it, we
12 lost the tax revenue on it because you're exempt from
13 taxes.

14 I asked my mayor, well, so, you know,
15 we're exempt so what are we going to get out of this?

16 And she said to me, oh, we're going to
17 get a lot of people coming.

18 I said we're not going to get anything
19 out of it. I can't see anything coming out of it, as
20 far as the taxpayers and families. We have 2,700
21 families, and I think it comes to about 60 bucks per
22 family.

23 So the thing also is that we're going
24 to lose that tax revenue. In a ten-year period, it's
25 \$1,600,234. That's what it is. And that would have

1 covered our turf, which we have to change every ten
2 years. Also our fire engine, okay. And all of our
3 recreational facilities that we want to change, our
4 parks, we're trying to do that now. I'm on a
5 subcommittee for that. And so I come here to ask
6 what can you do to help us out?

7 And, I mean, it just doesn't feel
8 right, you know, that we should lose all that tax
9 revenue, because we're really strapped for a lot of
10 things right now.

11 And I don't know if the mayor said
12 anything to you about it, but I came here on my own.
13 I'm a regular taxpayer and a regular person.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

15 Have you addressed this with your
16 mayor?

17 MR. LATSOUNAS: Yes, I did.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: And what was her
19 response?

20 MR. LATSOUNAS: She said that's the law
21 and there's nothing we can do about it, but I'm
22 asking you to help us.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You still have a
24 minute left, unless you want me to respond. It's up
25 to you. Do you have anything else you want to say?

1 I don't want to cut your time.

2 MR. LATSOUNAS: Well, the other slogan
3 is that people will be playing golf on the backs of
4 the Oradell taxpayers at discount prices, and that's
5 how we feel.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

7 MR. LATSOUNAS: I'm done.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So, Bergen County
9 with the Open Space tax, purchased the land to
10 maintain it as open space. So that's what we did.
11 It was an area that the county felt would be great
12 for the taxpayers to maintain open space, instead of
13 getting housing shoved down your throat like a lot of
14 communities, every community in this area is not in
15 favor of. Where a lot of these areas are now hit
16 with the Mt. Laurel decision and the building and all
17 of that. That's not why we do it, but those are some
18 of the things that will benefit Oradell by not having
19 such congestion. But we did it for open public space
20 for the county residents of Bergen County, and that's
21 why that decision was made.

22 So, other than that, I don't know what
23 else to tell you.

24 MR. LATSOUNAS: Can I respond to you?

25 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Sure.

1 MR. LATSOUNAS: Well, you know --

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You got 30 seconds.

3 (Laughter.)

4 MR. LATSOUNAS: Okay. You know, I
5 mean -- now I lost it.

6 Okay. Just that I thought that maybe
7 you could do something. Maybe you can put some kind
8 of recreational fee on it, tee fee, to help out, even
9 Emerson, because Emerson lost some revenue. It
10 wasn't only Oradell. Oradell was 113 acres, Emerson
11 was one lot.

12 MR. FLORIO: Three minutes, Mr.
13 Latsounas.

14 MR. LATSOUNAS: Okay. I'm done.

15 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So, not to resolve
16 the issue regarding the golf course, but there are
17 some avenues that you guys can actually explore, your
18 mayor and council could explore.

19 No. 1 is, this Board finally stepped up
20 and fully funded the Open Space Trust Fund. So a lot
21 of the things that you mentioned in your comments
22 were things where you can actually apply for open
23 space money to help renovate your fields, and that's
24 what the money is there for. So that's certainly
25 available to your mayor and council.

1 You mentioned first responder vehicles.
2 Well, you should be contacting your Congressman and
3 trying to get some federal money from your
4 Congressman to offset some of the cost for your first
5 responder vehicle. So there's other avenues out
6 there. You threw a couple really big ticket items at
7 us to make your point, but the reality is, these
8 grants are there to be applied for. Some of the
9 towns utilize them. You know, there's a big pot that
10 everybody pulls from to try and help exactly what
11 you're talking about.

12 As far as the golf course, there are a
13 lot of flooding areas down there that we're actually
14 improving some of the areas in the golf course.
15 That's going to remediate some of the flooding that
16 impacts the community as well.

17 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: And your mayor
18 is very on top of those issues and is in constant
19 communication with the County Executive as well as
20 this Board, so you should be aware of that.

21 MR. LATSOUNAS: Okay. The only other
22 thing on affordable housing that you mentioned --

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Your time is up,
24 though. Thank you.

25 MR. LATSOUNAS: Can I just say one

1 thing?

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Your time is up.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. LATSOUNAS: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The next speaker is
6 Donna Szot.

7 MS. SZOT: Donna Szot, Park Ridge.

8 I'm up here as a Park Ridge resident.
9 I feel like I'm looking at the ancient Romans. The
10 Romans figured out who owns the roads and how to
11 build them owns the people.

12 And you own all our major throughways,
13 Kinderkamack Road, Park Avenue where you just reduced
14 the speed limit, thank you very much, and Pascack
15 Road.

16 We are having some serious building on
17 Kinderkamack, and your engineers were here two years
18 ago to tell us that we would have the county's
19 cooperation in re-setting our traffic lights to match
20 the traffic patterns that are going to probably be
21 impacted by the building of affordable housing and
22 other building in the town.

23 And I'm just up to ask you for your
24 support in that, and pledge that you will help us
25 with our issues.

1 I understand that putting other lights
2 is a difficult thing, and I'm not an engineer and
3 don't pretend to be, obviously. I'm a health person,
4 but yes --

5 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Your mayor is in
6 constant contact with me, actually we work in the
7 same office, so he's in constant contact. He works
8 his butt off when it comes to these issues, but when
9 you're going to change patterns for traffic lights,
10 you have to wait until all the construction is done.
11 You can't just change it one way and the next day
12 change it again. I'm just explaining to you the way
13 it works. I'm just explaining to you for general
14 knowledge. That's what we're in the process of.
15 When the mayor tells us that it's time for us to
16 start synchronizing our lights or get things
17 together, we're certainly going to listen, just as we
18 listened on this ordinance tonight to lower the speed
19 limit.

20 MS. SZOT: Yes. Thank you very much.

21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We're all about
22 helping the public, and you have an advocate here in
23 Pascack Valley that is going to make sure it gets
24 done.

25 MS. SZOT: Thank you very much.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Barbara Simon, Park
2 Ridge.

3 MS. SIMON: Hi. I'm Barbara Simon, and
4 I live at The Atrium.

5 I have two things to talk about, one
6 countywide, one local.

7 Countywide, I said I live in The
8 Atrium. I do not drive. Access Link, which is
9 supposed to be New Jersey's Transit method for people
10 with disabilities to get around, does not come to
11 Park Ridge. If you call them, they tell you, we do
12 not have a bus stop in Park Ridge.

13 The commuter bus stop on Park Avenue
14 doesn't count. So, therefore, if you live in Park
15 Ridge and don't have a car, there is no way to get
16 around, period.

17 I think that needs to be remedied.
18 Park Ridge is part of Bergen County, and we should
19 have the same service as the other towns do.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So, we are not
21 aware of Access Link and their problems, but we're
22 doing our best to incorporate all the towns. I know
23 Freeholder Zur is on top of this like white on rice.
24 She's doing it, along with the rest of the Board.

25 We recognize there are issues, and

1 we're working to improve them.

2 MS. SIMON: What does it take to make
3 them acknowledge the bus stop in town?

4 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: First of all, if
5 you have a need to get to a doctor's appointment or
6 other kinds of appointments like that, the county
7 does run a Community Transportation program, which
8 you could reach out to.

9 MS. SIMON: I know, between 10 and 2
10 Monday to Friday.

11 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: There's actually
12 greater availability as far as those hours, it's not
13 only then. There's transportation to dialysis that
14 starts much earlier in the morning, I believe it's at
15 7:00 in the morning.

16 There's a company called ITN that we've
17 been trying to get to expand their services.

18 MS. SIMON: They use Uber prices.

19 I have done a lot of research on
20 transportation, a lot of the agencies, Grandparents
21 On-the-Go or something use Uber pricing. It is
22 expensive.

23 The North Jersey Access Link is less
24 expensive, it's supposed to be for disabled seniors,
25 and I don't understand why they won't just -- there's

1 a bus stop on Park Avenue -- count that and make us
2 come to Park Ridge.

3 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: We don't run
4 Access Link. I wish that they would expand farther
5 north. It's been a conversation that we've had with
6 them continually, but I can tell you that there have
7 been conversations we've had with New Jersey Transit
8 regarding cooperation between Park Ridge, Woodcliff
9 Lake, and Montvale, things to experiment as far as
10 that's concerned.

11 I'm happy to talk to you about this
12 further offline. It is something that we know. We
13 want to make sure that people can continue to age in
14 their communities, to be able to continue to live
15 vibrant lives in the communities where they spent
16 their entire existence. This is a priority for all
17 of us, and I'm happy to talk to you further about
18 this.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: After the meeting,
20 we'll get you to Freeholder Zur.

21 MS. SIMON: I hope you succeed.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Yes. Thank you.

23 MS. SIMON: My next concern is Park
24 Ridge based.

25 Park Ridge, and I mean Park Ridge, Park

1 Ridge seems to offer many activities. In the summer,
2 they have music concerts, they have music at
3 something called the Little Red Barn, they have
4 Shakespeare in the Park, they have a picnic, they
5 have fireworks. They have many nice activities. I
6 don't drive. Almost all of these activities are in
7 the evenings and on weekends. The Park Ridge bus
8 does not run. So, again, I have no access to any of
9 the events in Park Ridge that are held in the
10 evening.

11 I would like Park Ridge to please do
12 something about that.

13 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. So you have
14 your mayor and a couple council members. I would
15 suggest you talk to them after the meeting.

16 From my experience with them, they're
17 very accommodating. So here is your mayor and your
18 Council President, Matt Capilli, the young guy with
19 the haircut there. Make sure you talk to him.

20 MS. SIMON: I met him Tuesday at the
21 senior center.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Great. Thank you.

23 MS. SIMON: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Brenda Yanni.

25 MS. YANNI: Hi. Brenda Yanni. I am

1 the vice president of the Golden Age Social Club in
2 Park Ridge.

3 My concern is that every year for many,
4 many years, we applied for funding for our club from
5 the Freeholders, and we've always gotten it, and this
6 year we didn't. And when we asked what happened, we
7 were told that the rules had changed or nobody seems
8 to know what happened.

9 And I think part of it is that the
10 financial officer in town left, and then we were
11 given a part-time interim person, and then a new
12 person came in. And my instinct is that probably
13 something fell between the cracks, but the reality is
14 that \$3,000 is very important to us, and so we would
15 like to know what it is we did wrong and how we can
16 make sure that next year it doesn't happen, so that
17 we can apply, and if you changed the rules, and what
18 other kinds of grants are there that we can apply for
19 that we're missing?

20 (Applause.)

21 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: I know it's a
22 program, Mr. Chairman, but if you'd like me to
23 address that.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Why don't you step
25 up to the mic. We don't usually do this, but this is

1 part of bringing the meetings on the road.

2 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: There was a
3 transition here in the borough, and that was
4 something that there was some misinformation going
5 around. It will be corrected. I'm sure that this
6 won't be a problem next year.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: And if you need any
8 help, Julien Neals is our Administrator. He's great.

9 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: We'll take you up on
10 it. But, yeah, that's the reason. I'm confident
11 that we'll get this resolved for next year.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, mayor.
13 And Matt Capilli, Council President of
14 Park Ridge.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CAPILLI: Thank you,
16 sir. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

17 To the Freeholder Board and the
18 Chairman, I just wanted to thank you again on behalf
19 of the council for working with us over the past year
20 to get the speed limit lowered, for having the grant
21 funding out there for open space for us. It is
22 something that we take advantage of, and we
23 appreciate the county consistently offering it.

24 I don't want to take any more of your
25 time, just to thank you sincerely from the residents

1 of Park Ridge, myself, the rest of the council, to
2 you for all that you do. We appreciate it.

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, Council
4 President.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Being no one
7 else looking to speak, may I have a motion to close
8 the meeting to the public?

9 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

10 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

12 (All present Freeholders respond in the
13 affirmative.)

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Just to touch on
17 one more thing. We're talking about grants and open
18 space. In Bergen County, we also offer shared
19 services to any municipality that wants to take us up
20 on it. It's a great way that a lot of municipalities
21 refinance their debt, they use shared services when
22 it comes to their equipment.

23 Mayor. I'm just pointing it out to
24 you. If you ever need us, and if Oradell ever needs
25 us, we're there for any shared service. It helps

1 everybody.

2 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: Thank you.

3 RESOLUTIONS OF UNANIMOUS CONSENT

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Will the
5 Clerk read the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

6 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Resolutions #811-18
7 through #878-18.

8 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
9 to accept the Resolutions on the Consent Agenda as
10 read by the Clerk?

11 FREEHOLDER GANZ: Move the Consent
12 Agenda.

13 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

15 (All present Freeholders respond in the
16 affirmative.)

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

20 (At this point in the proceeding roll
21 call is taken and the Resolutions of Unanimous
22 Consent are passed by a unanimous vote.)

23 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Seven ayes.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Are there any
25 resolutions pulled, postponed or tabled?

1 MS. RODRIGUEZ: There are none.

2 ORDINANCES

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. We will now
4 go on to our Ordinances for First Reading and
5 Introduction, Ordinances 18-23 through 18-33.

6 Excuse me. Jody, my wife, hello. Come
7 on right in. I was going to save it until the end.

8 I just want to introduce my wife and
9 children what came in here. She tried to sneak out
10 on me. That's Kerrin and Jadyn. I want to thank you
11 for coming.

12 Jody is a schoolteacher, and obviously
13 the other two are in school, so they'll be leaving as
14 soon as I stop talking.

15 Thank you for coming.

16 MRS. SULLIVAN: Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Will the Clerk read
18 Ordinance 18-28 by title only.

19 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-28 is an:

20 "ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT
21 ALONG PARK AVENUE IN THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE."

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
23 to introduce Ordinance 18-28 as read by the Clerk?

24 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

25 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

2 (All present Freeholders respond in the
3 affirmative.)

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call, please.

7 (At this point in the proceeding roll
8 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
9 of Ordinance 18-28 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

10 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-28
11 passes First Reading.

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: So there you go,
13 Park Ridge.

14 (Applause.)

15 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: A lot of hard work
17 by the mayor and council. And, like Keith said, it's
18 all about safety, and we're willing to partner with
19 the town anytime we can.

20 Will the Clerk read Ordinance 18-29 by
21 title only.

22 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-29 is a:

23 "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOND
24 ORDINANCES DESCRIBED IN SECTION 1 HEREIN, ALL TO
25 PROVIDE A \$2,098,913.07 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

1 FOR AND AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT
2 AUTHORIZED IN SECTION 3 OF BOND ORDINANCE NO. 06-35
3 FINALLY ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 20, 2006."

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
5 to introduce Ordinance 18-29 as read by the Clerk?

6 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: So moved.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Second.

8 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

10 (All present Freeholders respond in the
11 affirmative.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

15 (At this point in the proceeding roll
16 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
17 of Ordinance 18-29 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

18 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-29
19 passes First Read.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

21 Will the Clerk read Ordinance 18-30 by
22 title only.

23 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-30 is a:

24 "BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3(a)
25 OF BOND ORDINANCE NO. 08-20 FINALLY ADOPTED ON

1 JUNE 4, 2008 IN ORDER TO REVISE PROJECT DESCRIPTION
2 REFERRED TO THEREIN."

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
4 to introduce Ordinance 18-30 as read by the Clerk?

5 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

6 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

8 (All present Freeholders respond in the
9 affirmative.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call.

13 (At this point in the proceeding roll
14 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
15 of Ordinance 18-30 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

16 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-30
17 passes First Read.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

19 Will the Clerk read Ordinance 18-31 by
20 title only.

21 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-31 is an:

22 "ORDINANCE RE-APPROPRIATING \$147,575.74
23 PROCEEDS OF OBLIGATIONS NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL
24 PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR LANDFILL AND CAPPING
25 IMPROVEMENTS AT OVERPECK COUNTY PARK BY THE COUNTY OF

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
to introduce Ordinance 18-31 as read by the Clerk?

FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

(All present Freeholders respond in the

(No response.)

(At this point in the proceeding roll
and the Introduction and First Reading
8-31 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

MS. RODRIGUEZ: Ordinance 18-32 is a:

CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion

1 to introduce Ordinance 18-32 as read by the Clerk?

2 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: So moved.

3 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Second?

5 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

7 (All present Freeholders respond in the
8 affirmative.)

9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call, please.

12 (At this point in the proceeding roll
13 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
14 of Ordinance 18-32 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

15 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-32
16 passes First Read.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

18 Will the Clerk please read Ordinance
19 18-33 by title only.

20 MS. RODRIGUEZ: 18-33 is a:

21 "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE
22 PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES FOR THE COUNTY SPECIAL
23 SERVICES AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY THE
24 COUNTY OF BERGEN APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT
25 OF \$280,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF

1 \$266,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE COUNTY TO FINANCE PART
2 OF THE COST THEREOF."

3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: May I have a motion
4 to introduce Ordinance 18-33 as read by the Clerk?

5 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

6 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

8 (All present Freeholders respond in the
9 affirmative.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Roll call, please.

13 (At this point in the proceeding roll
14 call is taken and the Introduction and First Reading
15 of Ordinance 18-33 is passed by a unanimous vote.)

16 MS. RODRIGUEZ: With seven ayes, 18-33
17 passes First Reading.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. That's it
19 for ordinance, correct?

20 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Correct.

21 COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM FREEHOLDERS

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We will now have
23 the Freeholder Committee Reports.

24 I'd ask that we be brief and responsive
25 to the business.

1 Freeholder Tanelli.

2 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Thank you,
3 Chairman.

4 I have a brief report tonight.

5 Terrific Thursdays, our free concerts
6 in the park, ended last week. I just want to thank
7 everyone who helped make them possible, all of the
8 staff, all of the county employees, the Parks
9 employees. The groups were spectacular. It was
10 again another successful year. I look forward to the
11 groups that we bring in next year. I'd like to thank
12 the County Executive and the Parks Department for
13 continuing to enhance what we put on in our parks.

14 Actually tonight a few things were
15 mentioned about what we do in our county parks.

16 I just wanted to thank the Chairman for
17 putting the resolution on tonight acknowledging
18 September as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. It was a
19 late addition to the agenda. And like we mentioned
20 earlier, it affects one million Americans nationwide.
21 It's important to raise awareness for not just this,
22 but for all the things that are affecting our
23 children.

24 Like I said earlier, what was amazing
25 to me is that it doesn't just affect infants, it

1 affects our older population. As we get older, for
2 no reason, the fluid in your brain doesn't drain and
3 it puts so much pressure, creating headaches,
4 seizures. A lot of seniors suffer with it, and
5 there's got to be a solution.

6 I was just talking to someone recently
7 who works for the FDA that there's some real
8 breakthroughs through some of the research, so
9 organizations that raise half a million dollars for
10 research, it's really starting to pay off. I just
11 ask everybody to pray for our children that have to
12 deal with this every day.

13 That concludes my report. Thank you,
14 Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, and I
16 just want to thank you for bringing this to a public
17 forum where it can be heard by many. We appreciate
18 your efforts and we wish you well.

19 Freeholder Zur.

20 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Thank you,
21 Chairman.

22 With the last week of summer, I think a
23 lot of our time this week was filled with some of
24 these wonderful traditions in Bergen County that are
25 part of what makes this county such a wonderful place

1 to live and raise our families. Most of us were at
2 the Rutherford Street Fair and the Garfield feast and
3 the Lodi feast, St. Joseph's feast, as well as
4 Paramus had the B Street Band, which is a Bruce
5 Springsteen cover. We had movies at so many of our
6 parks this summer. I personally gave popcorn out at
7 the Black Panther film that was playing at
8 Darlington.

9 These are some of the things that we do
10 and we provide that really enrich people's lives
11 within the county, and it's such a wonderful thing to
12 build the community and help enrich our community
13 that way.

14 Many of us also were at the American
15 Dream labor appreciation event last week, which was
16 for me the first inside view of what's being built
17 down there. I have to tell you, it's really
18 spectacular. The retail stuff will be important, as
19 far as jobs, and the jobs that are being brought for
20 labor right now as they're building it are amazing.
21 It's so important for us to pause and say thank you
22 to the men and women who are building that incredible
23 complex, who are putting their sweat equity into that
24 building, which is going to really provide so many
25 tremendous recreational opportunities, social

1 opportunities as well for our community. So that was
2 really a special opportunity for us to see.

3 Congressman Gottheimer had yesterday a
4 veterans job fair, and the county was a very active
5 participant in that, making sure that we're
6 highlighting not only the things that we're doing to
7 make sure that we're getting our veterans to work,
8 but drawing attention to the fact that we are one of
9 the first communities to end veterans' homelessness,
10 that we have brought veterans services to what was
11 Bergen Regional Medical Center, now New Bridge
12 Medical Center, and that we're continuing to
13 prioritize our veterans.

14 We had some exchanges this past week
15 with folks from Korea who were coming to talk to us
16 about their transportation issues and we were sharing
17 our challenges.

18 We spoke as well with some individuals
19 from England who are trying to bring our Stigma-Free,
20 our mental health services and awareness to the UK,
21 actually.

22 There's so many throughout, not only
23 the state, but throughout the world who are looking
24 to Bergen County as a beacon.

25 I also want to just thank Mark

1 Anderson, who retired this week at New Jersey
2 Buddies. New Jersey Buddies, for the last 25 years
3 under his leadership, has really been a service for
4 those who are living with and battling and testing
5 for HIV. I wanted to just on the record thank him
6 for his service and wish him well in his next
7 chapter.

8 Also, as long as I'm giving thank
9 you's, I want to thank all the school teachers who,
10 like your wife, have really gone above and beyond,
11 who as I was kind of doing that mom dance today as I
12 got my last one off the school, I am so grateful for
13 all they do to make sure that our kids have every
14 opportunity to learn and grow and develop. So a big
15 round of applause to all of our teachers.

16 Chairman, on that note I will end my
17 report.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

19 Our mayor's wife is also a teacher, I
20 should bring that up.

21 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: As is our council
22 president right in front of you.

23 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I was going to get
24 to that. Thanks, Keith.

25 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: Sorry.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Council President
2 is also a teacher.

3 Freeholder Ortiz, Vice-Chairwoman.

4 VICE-CHAIRWOMAN ORTIZ: Thank you.

5 Chairman Sullivan and myself attended
6 Gov. Murphy came to Paramus last week to sign a law
7 about bus safety and how important it is, you know,
8 for the children after the tragic accident in Paramus
9 that we lost a student and a teacher, and for the
10 safety of our children, which is also tied to an
11 Ordinance, 18-33, which it's for Special Services in
12 the School of Technology in which it will be
13 purchasing six new school buses with the shoulder
14 restraint, which are ones that are going to be now
15 required here in the State of New Jersey. I'm just
16 extremely proud of all our colleagues on the board
17 which we voted on it tonight and for our County
18 Executive for being such an advocate.

19 I also wanted to touch on the American
20 Dream, because the numbers are staggering on how many
21 jobs are going to be brought to New Jersey,
22 especially North Jersey. Right now, they have 1,600
23 construction workers, which, by the fall, they will
24 have 3,000. The one project will be in full effect
25 by the spring, which is when it's supposed to open,

1 they're expecting over 16,000 jobs, which is over
2 \$1 billion in wages, which that's a lot of money and
3 that's great for North Jersey, so I'm very excited
4 for this project.

5 I also wanted to just touch on
6 Resolution #869-18 on Suicide Prevention Month. It's
7 touching to me just because both my grandfather and
8 my uncle committed suicide. It's amazing how
9 depression can affect not only the youth or the
10 middle aged, my grandfather was 92, so it could
11 affect every age group.

12 I'm also very proud of our county and
13 how important it is for Stigma-Free for mental
14 awareness, and that 69 of our 70 towns are
15 Stigma-Free. We are always, as a county, on top of
16 this and how important it is for our community.

17 I just want to wish everyone a happy
18 Labor Day and all the kids who are back in school.

19 September 11th is coming, and the
20 county will be having our September 11th ceremony.
21 It will be at Overpeck Park at 4:00 on the Leonia
22 side, if you can make it.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
25 Vice-Chairwoman.

1 Freeholder Voss.

2 FREEHOLDER VOSS: Thank you, Chairman.

3 Just before I begin my report, I'd like
4 to say to the gentlemen in the back who is in the red
5 shirt, I was in Trenton for a long time and I
6 sponsored many bills to protect the bears and also to
7 stop bow and arrow shooting and hunting and stuff
8 like that. You have got to get to all of the
9 representatives in the Assembly and the Senate,
10 because each one has to feel the impact of what the
11 people are feeling. And it's not just one person,
12 it's many people, and the south tends to have a
13 different orientation than the north, so just be
14 aware.

15 MR. VELLUCCI: We already did that for
16 years.

17 Sweeney is running the state, not the
18 Governor.

19 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

20 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So many wonderful
21 events we've been listening to, and the Rutherford
22 fair was kind of the last of the summer ones, but we
23 have such a wonderful, diverse population here in
24 Bergen County that on Sunday, we had a huge Filipino
25 festival at Overpeck Park, and every nationality,

1 every group has access to that park, and it is just
2 wonderful for everybody to see different cultures.

3 Most people know that I am passionate
4 about education, and there are several things that I
5 want to call your attention to.

6 First of all, September 8th is
7 International Literacy Day. You would be absolutely
8 amazed at the number of people who cannot read, not
9 only in the world, but in the United States, over 33
10 million. Right here in Bergen County, over 140,000.
11 Literacy is the key to everything. UNESCO says that
12 knowledge is the remedy for all of our problems.

13 (At this point in the proceeding,
14 Vice-Chairwoman Ortiz exits the meeting at 8:46 p.m.)

15 FREEHOLDER VOSS: So hopefully we will
16 impart this to your children.

17 Last year's theme, and this is going to
18 segue into my American Dream, last year's theme was
19 "Literacy in the Digital World," and this year's
20 theme of literacy is "Literacy and Skills
21 Development."

22 Now, many of us went to the American
23 Dream labor rally a few days ago, and I have to tell
24 you that I have been involved in that project since
25 it was called Xanadu. I have climbed over every inch

1 of the place and went through all of the different
2 developers who attempted to make this project live.

3 I think we're finally going to do it,
4 but the labor unions were fantastic. And because it
5 was just Labor Day, and I am an avid reader of
6 newspapers and everything, there was a wonderful
7 editorial which I just want to share with you, as a
8 Labor Day reminder to properly train staff.

9 Now, having been an educator for most
10 of my life, one of the things that has really, really
11 disgusted me is the fact that we were doing away with
12 all kinds of things in the schools, like the
13 electrical shop, like carpentry, like machine shop,
14 like automotive shop.

15 I was a teacher for over 40 years, and
16 I have to tell you, the teachers who taught those
17 subjects saved, I can't tell you, hundreds and
18 hundreds of kids in my school. And I'll just read
19 you a little bit, because usually I don't, but, "This
20 year Labor Day has special meaning for working men
21 and women. With the nation's economy running at a
22 decades long high, the need for skilled and dedicated
23 workers has reached critical importance, and the
24 value of labor is finally being recognized, but
25 policy changes must be made to give labor its

1 rightful place in the national economy.

2 "The American economy needs better
3 trained, fairly compensated, domestic workers who
4 have been ignored for many years. America needs a
5 coherent, workable policy to train people for a
6 variety of jobs and skills, including the
7 manufacturing jobs. Our high schools and colleges do
8 a poor job training young people for the workplace.
9 Classes teaching manual trades have almost become
10 extinct."

11 This is something I'm fighting very,
12 very hard for, because we are doing some great things
13 here in Bergen County, but people need to see that
14 the regular public schools are going to reincorporate
15 these. And I have to say, our Gov. Murphy is doing
16 some things which I very much approve of.

17 First of all, he's going to be spending
18 more state aid, and hopefully it will be the schools
19 that are going to incorporate more vocational
20 education. As an educator, and I know there are a
21 few here, they hate the PARCC test. They have been a
22 disservice to the kids, and the Governor says less
23 PARCC training.

24 All kids learn differently, and one of
25 the things is, we need to empower students to become

1 involved and get out and vote, and this is so
2 important.

3 We just mentioned that 911 is coming
4 up, and if you can think, 17 years have passed, some
5 of the kids who are graduating from high school today
6 weren't even born, and it is so important that we
7 remember and never forget what has happened.

8 Germaine mentioned that we will have
9 the Bergen County memorial at 4:00 p.m. on the 11th.

10 Fort Lee, my hometown, has a very, very
11 large memorial service, and you're more than welcome
12 to come. It will be at 7:00 p.m. on the 11th. And
13 so, please, don't forget our kids and don't forget
14 our country.

15 Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you,
17 Freeholder.

18 Freeholder Ganz.

19 FREEHOLDER GANZ: I was going to give a
20 long report. I'm not going to. I'm going to pass my
21 time to you, Chairman.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Very kind of you.
23 Thank you, David.

24 Freeholder Amoroso.

25 I'm sure you'll take his time.

1 FREEHOLDER AMOROSO: Yes, I'm sure I
2 will.

3 First of all, I want to say that I am
4 happy and we are all very happy to be here in Park
5 Ridge. We love to see our mayor, whom we campaigned
6 with, and our council president, councilman, thank
7 you.

8 I lived in Hillsdale for a number of
9 years, and I always found Park Ridge to be a very
10 neighborly town, and I see that tonight.

11 Firstly, I am part of a school safety
12 committee assembled by the Bergen County Prosecutor
13 to come up with best practices for preventing and
14 preparing for school shooter incidents. It's a very
15 important thing. Julien Neals is also part of the
16 committee. We have been meeting monthly for three
17 months, and we hope to have a best practices manual
18 for a big law enforcement conference in October.

19 We are looking at things like the
20 physical layout and ways to provide protection in
21 schools, training for teachers, staff, students and
22 law enforcement, mental health issues, and assessing
23 the risk of certain elements of the school population
24 and making sure that all school districts and law
25 enforcement in Bergen's 70 towns understand the same

1 protocols, so there is no confusion when law
2 enforcement from other towns and from the county is
3 called in to assist at an active shooter situation in
4 one town. So there will be more coming on this in
5 the fall.

6 Secondly, I want to commend the
7 Governor and the Legislature for a law signed late
8 last month that requires all high schools to have
9 Narcan, the medicine that reverses opioid overdoses,
10 to have it on hand and to have the school nurses
11 trained in its administration.

12 The bill sponsor, Theresa Ruiz, said
13 the legislation is worthwhile if it just saves one
14 life, and I certainly believe it could save more. We
15 can't hide our heads in the sand. The danger, as
16 we've been talking about tonight, the danger is all
17 around us.

18 Finally, I have a piece of historical
19 trivia that I read in a novel on vacation. Did you
20 know that women had the right to vote in New Jersey
21 between the late 1700s and 1807? They had the right
22 to vote. The framers of the New Jersey's first
23 constitution in 1776 gave the vote to all inhabitants
24 of this colony of full age who are worth 50 pounds
25 and have resided within the county for 12 months.

1 The other 12 new states restricted
2 voting to men. Of course, married women couldn't own
3 property, so it was the single ladies voting in
4 New Jersey during this time.

5 In 1797, New Jersey made history when
6 the New Jersey Assembly passed the 1797 voting law,
7 which specifically recognized the right of women to
8 vote across the state. New Jersey women, the single
9 ones, voted in large numbers until 1807, when the
10 Assembly passed a law limiting suffrage to free white
11 males.

12 From there, as we all know, it took
13 until 1920, when the 19th Amendment gave women across
14 the country the right to vote. But here we are, a
15 female dominated Freeholder Board.

16 Thank you, Chairman. That's my report.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Tonight the
18 Freeholder Board passed Resolution #822-18, in which
19 Bergen County entered into a shared service agreement
20 with Bergen One-Stop Career Center. This will offer
21 services for those using the state assistance
22 programs to become employed and move towards
23 self-sufficiency.

24 Additionally, the Board passed
25 Resolutions #854-18 and #846-18 in which we entered

1 into a Shared Services Agreement with Wood-Ridge for
2 both vehicle repair maintenance and the use of the
3 county-owned street sweeper. Just another example of
4 creating savings to the residents of Bergen County
5 through shared services, which I had spoken about
6 earlier today.

7 I'd also like to highlight Ordinance
8 18-33 in which the county will purchase new school
9 buses for Bergen County schools in compliance with
10 the newly passed legislation requiring additional
11 safety measures for the seat belts.

12 I would be remiss if I didn't mention
13 the ordinance tonight which is on First Reading and
14 the next reading will be a public hearing on the
15 reduction of the speed limit here. I know that,
16 speaking with the mayor and council, I think you had
17 some fatalities out on the street. Hopefully this
18 will move to correct some of the things.

19 To the Mayor and Council, I want to
20 thank you for being persistent. I know there was a
21 time some people thought this wasn't going to happen,
22 and the mayor didn't stop, but he continued to go
23 forward. We got together and talked to my colleagues
24 on the Freeholder Board, and we made this a priority,
25 and we thank you for helping us with that.

1 MAYOR MISCIAGNA: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: I also want to say
3 thank you to my colleagues on the Board who attended
4 the ceremony at the American Dream which everyone has
5 spoken about, that honored various labor groups
6 involved with that project. Unfortunately I was away
7 on business representing those groups that were
8 there. I was in Chicago on business for the IBEW,
9 which is one of the trade unions down there, so I
10 couldn't attend but I will tell that the workmanship
11 and the craftsmanship is the best you'll ever see.
12 We take pride in building these type of things, we
13 take pride in our building, period, and it's also
14 done on time and under budget, so we'll continue do
15 that.

16 Thank you to Park Ridge Mayor Keith
17 Misciagna and Council President Matt Capilli and
18 Council Member Robert Metzdorf, who were here
19 tonight, and the entire council for having us here
20 tonight. Again, I'm going to toot the horn of our
21 Freeholders Zur and Tanelli who brought this
22 initiative to the Board, and looking at the crowd in
23 the room, it's really starting to catch on, which is
24 great, and we're going to continue to do that.

25 One of the things I do want to bring

1 up, obviously we spoke about addiction awareness,
2 I've shared to you I've had my best friend, I lost
3 from heroin, my brother to alcoholism, and I just
4 want to reiterate what I said before, that this
5 county will not stop, we know we're fighting an
6 uphill battle, but we're going to continue to fight,
7 because it's the right thing to do and that's what we
8 do up here.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: And the last thing
11 I want to talk about is one of the resolutions we
12 passed tonight, #871, on Prostate Cancer Awareness
13 Month, that is this month.

14 Our County Executive, at our Work
15 Session, spoke on being a cancer survivor. Our own
16 Julien Neals, I don't want to put him on the spot, he
17 spoke about being a cancer survivor, while surviving
18 this disease, which can be taken care of, if it's
19 detected early, and it's a simple blood test. So
20 it's Prostate Cancer Awareness Month, PSA test. When
21 you go get any other blood test, ask your doctor to
22 throw in a PSA test. It's detectable, and if you get
23 it early, it's very curable. And I just want to
24 bring that to light, as the County Executive asked me
25 to speak on it tonight and I'll follow through with

1 that.

2 And that concludes my report. Thanks
3 again to the mayor and council.

4 Julien, would like to say something?

5 ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR NEALS: Just
6 one point and in recognition of the fact that it is
7 in recognition of prostate cancer. No matter what
8 age, there's recommended ages when they suggest that
9 men should go and get their tests, I was
10 46-years-old, it was a routine medical exam, and my
11 doctor noticed a slightly high PSA number. I was
12 otherwise asymptomatic. I followed his advice and
13 went to get it checked out, and I had a very
14 aggressive form of cancer. I needed surgery about
15 two months later. An otherwise a very healthy
16 individual. And that's why I say for everyone out
17 there listening, and, as the Chairman knows, I've
18 indicated the PSA is part of your routine blood test
19 and to make sure that that is part of your regular
20 exam. Depending on where you're from, there are
21 different recommendations, but I would say any male
22 over the age of 45 and up, the PSA, there's nothing
23 extra to do as part of the blood test, and to have it
24 checked out.

25 So thank you for that, Chairman.

1 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you, Julien.

2 The last thing is, Freeholder Zur
3 passed me a note. I want to make sure that we wish
4 everyone a happy Rosh Hashanah holiday coming up.

5 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Monday and
6 Tuesday.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: What's the other
8 name for it?

9 FREEHOLDER SILNA ZUR: Yom Teruah.

10 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: There you go. I
11 wasn't even going to attempt it.

12 There being nothing further to come
13 before this meeting, may I have a motion to adjourn?

14 FREEHOLDER GANZ: So moved.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Second?

16 FREEHOLDER TANELLI: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All in favor?

18 (All present Freeholders respond in the
19 affirmative.)

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: The motion carried,
23 we are adjourned at 8:59.

24 (Whereupon, the Public Meeting is
25 adjourned at 8:59 p.m.)

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